

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC)	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  <b>39X0009814</b>	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION: A. BLDG: <u>00</u> B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED:  <b>03/23/2023</b>
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H 0000	INITIAL COMMENT	H 0000		
H 0007	This report is the result of a full Medicare recertification survey conducted on March 23, 2023, at Tri State Mobile X-Ray, Inc.. It was determined that the facility was not in compliance with the requirements of 42 CFR, Title 42, Part 486 - Conditions of Participation for a Portable X-ray Provider.	H 0007		

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (\*) denotes a deficiency which may be excused from correction providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. The findings stated above are disclosable whether or not a plan of correction is provided. The findings are disclosable within 14 days after such information is made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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H 0007	Continued from page 1  486.100(b) LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION OF PERSONNEL  All personnel engaged in operating portable X-ray equipment are currently licensed or registered in accordance with all applicable State and local laws.  This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:	H 0007	<p style="text-align: right;">H0007</p> <p>1. It was determined on March 23, 2023, that one of our four technologists license had expired. The employee was notified and sent home immediately; he is currently on leave until he presents to Tri-State Mobile X-ray a renewed license. The employee is currently working with ARRT on completing his requirements.</p> <p>2. Management also failed to notice this date's expiration, so there will be (3) policies put into effect to prevent this from recurrence.</p> <p>3. Plan of correction (1); Effective 03/25/2023 management downloaded and distributed the Pennsylvania Code Title 25 {221.16, this states that an individual who operates an X-ray system shall have additional instructions, including certification and registration in the applicable specialty by a professional organization, in this case ARRT. No employee will be permitted to work without a valid ARRT certification. Management discussed verbally with each individual employee on</p>	Completion Date: <b>04/10/2023</b> Status: <b>APPROVED</b> Date: <b>04/14/2023</b>

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H 0007	Continued from page 4  Based on review of facility documents, personnel files (PF), and staff interview (EMP), it was determined the facility failed to ensure that one of four x-ray technologists maintained current certification (PF1).  Findings include:  Review of facility document "Safe Operating Procedures for X-ray Protection", last review/revision date not identified, revealed: " ... 1.) Only certified individuals, authorized by the practitioner or registrant may operate the x-ray machines. ...".  Review of PF1 on March 23, 2023, at approximately 9:15 AM revealed that the employee to PF1 is an X-ray technologist who is currently performing mobile radiographic procedures for Tri-State Mobile X-ray. Further review of PF1 revealed the following document: "THE AMERICAN REGISTRY OF RADIOLOGIC	H 0007		

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H 0007	Continued from page 5  TECHNOLOGISTS" with the following information: "Valid Thru 09/2022 ... CQR Compliance Period(s) Radiography 9/1/2019 - 8/31/2022 ... This record is from the ARRT Verify Credentials directory, which is the primary source for verifying a Registered Technologist's certification and registration status. ...".  During an interview with EMP1 on March 23, 2023, at approximately 9:30 AM, EMP1 confirmed the above finding and stated that effective immediately, the employee to PF1 is no longer allowed to perform radiographic procedures until EMP1 receives confirmation from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists that this employee's radiography certification has been renewed.	H 0007		
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H 0036	Continued from page 6  486.104(c) EMPLOYEE RECORDS  Current employee records must be maintained and include a resume of each employee's training and experience. Records also must contain evidence of adequate health supervision of employees including records of all illnesses and accidents occurring on duty, as well as results of preemployment and periodic physical examinations.  This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:	H 0036	H0036  Plan of Correction (1) There has been an update to our policy dated 03/25/2023 to reflect the current periodic health screening requirements and training of all employees following the CDC guidelines.  Plan of correction (2): We have put into place a systematic change to the storage of the employee records. Effective 04/14/2023, a separate folder has been created and is designated for health care related documents only. This folder is labeled, Employee Medical File. This file contains all documents pertaining to that specific employee's medical health records, including periodic screenings and TB test results.  The manager is responsible for maintaining the employees medical file and the manager will be responsible for making sure that the contents of each file are kept up to date.	Completion Date: <b>04/14/2023</b> Status: <b>APPROVED</b> Date: <b>04/14/2023</b>

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H 0036	Continued from page 7	H 0036	<p>Plan of Correction(3) To ensure that the contents of each employees medical file are kept up to date, management has put in to place a policy that ties in to each employees annual performance and raise discussion, a review of all of their current records.</p> <p>The policy dated 04/14/2023 states that during each employees annual performance review, a review of current health screenings to include TB testing will also be presented, discussed and updated. The employee will be given the materials and the time needed to complete any of their health screening employment requirements. This will include training videos, documents and guidance from the PA TB program.</p> <p>Oversight by the supervising physician has been established and the manager and supervising physician will work together via e-mail and phone calls to make sure</p>	

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H 0036	Continued from page 9  Based on review of the facility's personnel files (PF) and staff interview (EMP), it was determined that the facility failed to ensure employees had periodic physical examinations for four of four personnel files reviewed (PF1, PF2, PF3, PF4).  Findings Include:  Review of facility's "Physical Exams and TB testing" document, last review/revision date not identified, revealed: " ... In order to stay compliant with the Department of Health requirements, all x-ray technologists that come in contact with Nursing Home residents are required to have periodical (sic) health screenings. ...".  Review of PF1, PF2, PF3, and PF4 on March 23, 2023, between approximately 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM revealed that all of these employees did not receive any periodic physical examinations or periodic health screenings.	H 0036		

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H 0036	Continued from page 10  During an interview with EMP1 on March 23, 2023, at approximately 11:00 AM, EMP1 confirmed that the employees to PF1, PF2, PF3, and PF4 come in contact with Nursing Home residents. When asked if these employees received any periodic health examinations or screenings, EMP1 confirmed that no periodic health examinations or screenings are conducted and replied "We are not following our policy".	H 0036		



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**I Certify This Document to be a True and Correct Statement of Deficiencies and Approved Facility Plan of Correction for the Above-Identified Facility Survey**

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*Jeane Parisi*  
*Deputy Secretary for Quality Assurance*

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*Debra L. Bogen, MD, FAAP*  
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